

REMARKS

5 The present Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicates that the amendment document filed on July 13, 2004 is considered non-compliant because of an improper format used to present drawing changes.

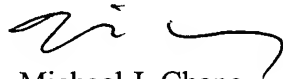
Applicants believe that the present Notice was sent in error. Namely, no changes to the drawings have been presented.

10 Applicants originally submitted formal drawings on March 25, 2004. Despite this, the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, dated May 7, 2004, requested replacement drawings to address line quality and legibility. Applicants, on July 13, 2004, again submitted the formal drawings, i.e., duplicate copies of the originally submitted formal drawings.

15 Applicants attest that the formal drawings submitted both on March 25, 2004 and on July 13, 2004 do not introduce any drawing changes. Therefore, no changes or amendments to the drawings have to date been made. As such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the compliance requirement.

The Examiner's attention to this matter is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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